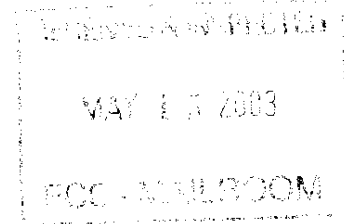


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May 8, 2003

Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman  
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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C., 20554



Dear Commissioners,

Please do NOT relax broadcast ownership rules. I am concerned that such action would lead to near monopoly ownership of American media by a few big companies. This probably would then mean the near extinction of independent outlets of media sorts.

Big monopoly control of newspapers, TV, radio and news magazines would unfairly limit public access to information of all sorts. It would mean we would only hear or read the things that a very few people deem acceptable or which expresses their point of view at the exclusion of other perspectives.

In my mind it is effectively unconstitutional in that it would prevent the full exercise of our rights to free speech. While one could still express any opinion the circulation of that opinion and its potential for value would be greatly diminished.

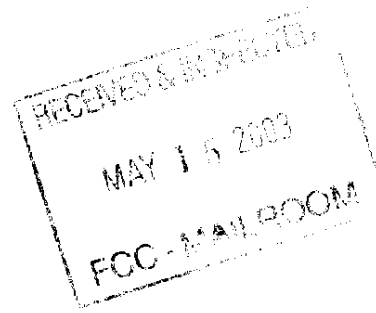
Please keep all of us average citizens in mind in all your deliberations and act in our behalf rather in ways that would only benefit a few.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my viewpoint.

Sincerely,

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Jim Lynch



William Hiller  
5 Bay Breeze Drive  
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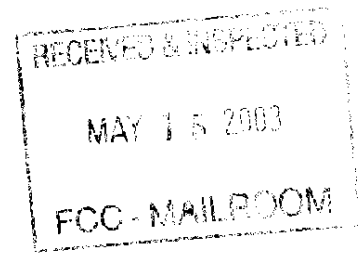
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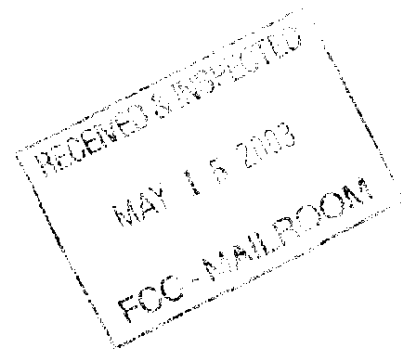
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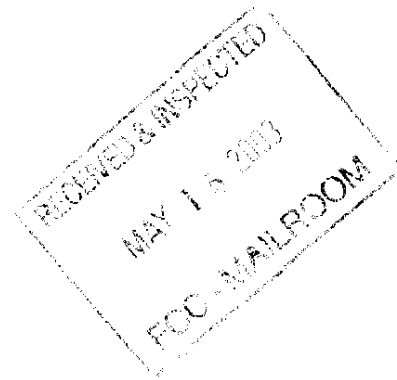
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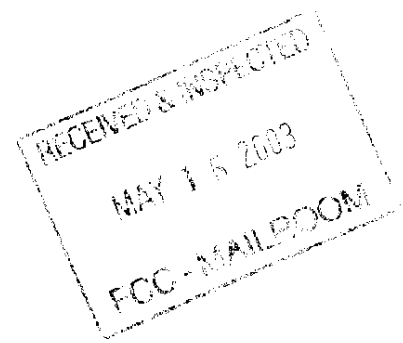
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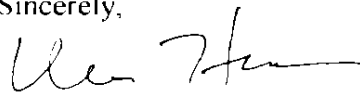
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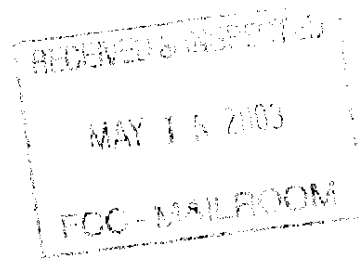
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May 5, 2003



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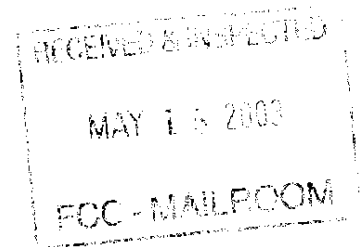
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Friday, May 09, 2003

Honorable Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner of FCC  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554



Dear Sir:

We have been reading of proposed changes that would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near total control of radio and television news and information in our communities across America.

We urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect the American citizen from media monopolies. Many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear all points of views on important issues. Only then can we be truly informed citizens. In the name of freedom and for the sake of our democracy we urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that have helped to insure a healthy political debate in our country.

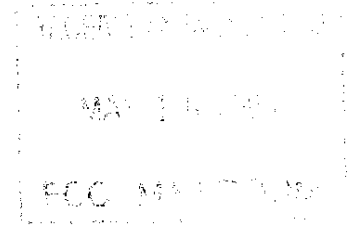
As always we wish you well,

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PHILLIP von STEPHENS

George W. Kepler  
17850 N. Havasupai Drive  
Surprise, AZ 85374

8 May 2003



The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
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Dear Commissioner Martin,

It is my understanding that the FCC is reviewing proposed changes in broadcast ownership rules that, among other things, would enable media corporations such as Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC to control political content of programming throughout wide areas of the country. Were that to happen, opposing view points could be silenced, subject to the political whims of a few media executives.

Please do **not** relax the current broadcast ownership rules that are designed to prevent media monopolies. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George W. Kepler".

George W. Kepler

Date: May 8, 2003

TO: The Honorable Michael J. Copps  
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From: Daniel J. Bartnicki  
4896 Odell Drive  
West Valley City, Utah 84120

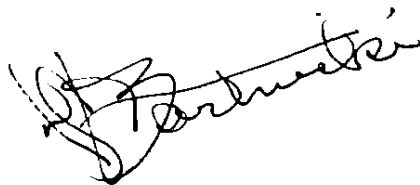
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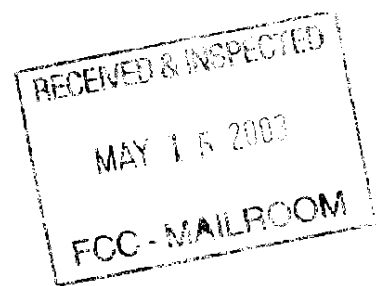
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I therefore urge you not to relax the ownership rules. These rules protect the citizens from the media conglomerates. Please continue with the protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Thank you.

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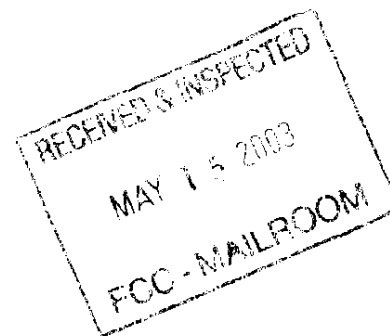
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Mr. Kent Broadhead  
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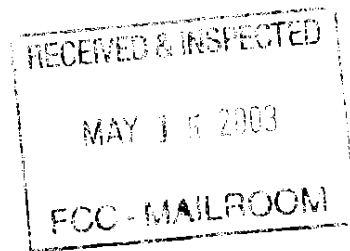
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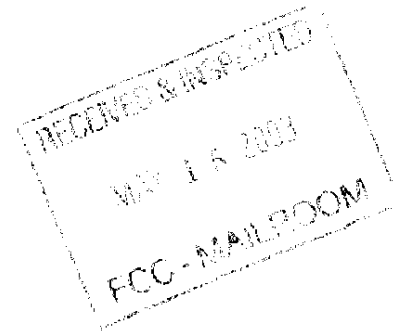
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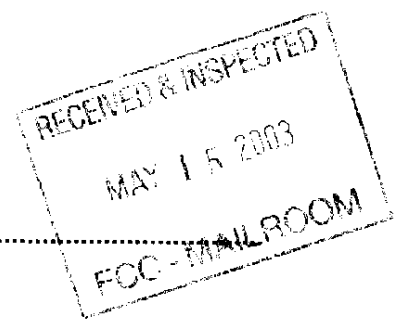
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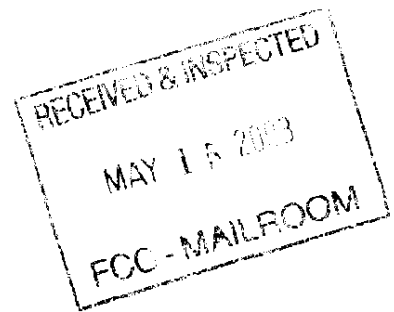
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May 4, 2003

RE: Broadcast ownership rules

To: Federal Communications Commission Commissioners; Ms. Abernathy, Mr. Copps,  
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Dear Sirs and Madam,

I am very concerned about the chance of a monopoly developing in the area of broadcast media. The information filtered down to Americans by large media conglomerates is one-sided enough without giving them unfair advantage. It is difficult for the small grassroots American to have their voice heard as it is, DO NOT make it impossible! I would like to see tougher restrictions on the number of broadcast station one conglomerate could own.

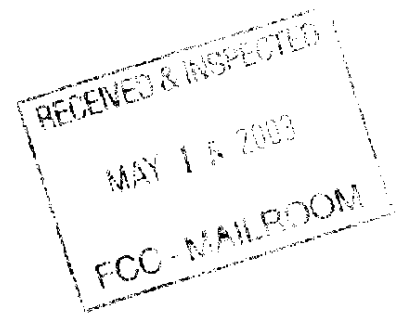
One of the corner stones that makes this nation great is our first amendment right to free speech, it will do us little good if the FCC rules in such a way to make it impossible for the voice opposing "big media and friends" to be heard on a nation-wide broadcast.

Make the right choice, all Americans should have a voice.

Sincerely,

Mary Forseth

1436 Woodward Ave.  
Lakewood, OH 44107  
May 08, 2003



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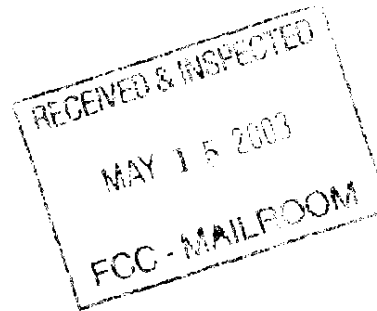
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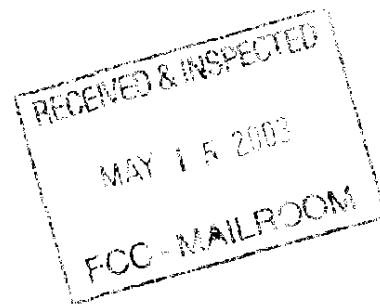
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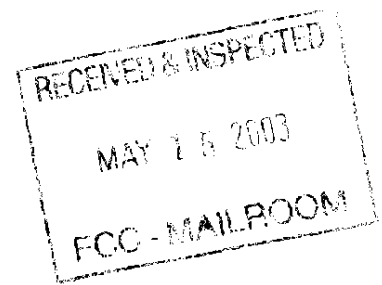
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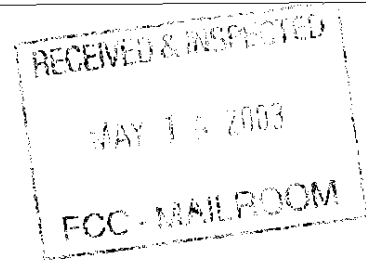
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Tioga, Pa.  
May 9, 2003

The Honorable Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner  
Federal Communication Commission  
114 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 29557

Dear Commissioner Copps:

I understand the present ban of cross-ownership of media sources was intended to have information provided by a diversity of owners and to ensure that when Americans turn on the TV, they're exposed to an array of ideas, representing the full spectrum of political thought.

In addition to forbidding a company from owning two major TV stations in the same market, or a major newspaper and a top station, the rules also put a 35 percent cap on how much of the public one network can reach.

I fear that if the present cross-ownership rules are dropped we will have just a few people make the decision about the news and opinions all of us are permitted to hear.

This would be almost as bad as having the government control the information content.

Please keep the media cross-ownership ban in effect.

Thank you,

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James P. Condict